# **Choose JOY**

Sunday, July 29, 2018 Pastor Ray Cummings

### **James 1:2 (ESV)**

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,

### Part 4 - Finding the Fullness of Joy!

Psalm 16:11 and John 15:11 (ESV)

### **Psalm 16:11 (ESV)**

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

### John 15:11 (ESV)

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

### **John 10:10 (NIV)**

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

#### **Romans 15:13 (ESV)**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

#### **Psalm 23:4 (ESV)**

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

"Joy is a decision a really brave one, about how you are going to respond to life."

Wes Stafford

"When we live in His Presence, We Maximize our Present."

Tommy Newberry

## 1. Appreciate Him in All things!

### **Psalm 75:1 (ESV)**

We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near. We recount your wondrous deeds.

### **Psalm 86:12 (ESV)**

12 I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

## 2. Contemplate His Character!

### **Psalm 106:1 (ESV)**

Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!

### **Psalm 86:5 (ESV)**

For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You.

### **Psalm 31:14 (ESV)**

But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."

# 3. Communicate to stay Connected!

#### John 15:5 (ESV)

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

### **Psalm 116:2 (NLT)**

Because He bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath!

# 4. Personalize and Memorize the Scriptures!

### **Psalm 46:1 (ESV)**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

### **Psalm 56:3 (ESV)**

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.